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Sir:

**DECLARATION OF RICHARD DIXON UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.12 IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED NOVEMBER 15, 2005**

I, Richard Dixon, declare as follows:

1. I am a research scientist employed by Shell International Petroleum Company Limited in Chester, United Kingdom.
2. I received a Ph.D. degree in Chemistry from the University of Edinburgh in 1997. My doctoral research work focused on catalysis of ethylene. My thesis dissertation was entitled "Reflection Absorption Infrared Spectroscopy Investigations on the Ni(111) surface." All of the research was in the field of petrochemicals, sponsored by a petrochemical company.
3. I have been employed as a research chemist with Shell Research Limited ("Shell") in the lubricants and hydraulic fluids area since 1996. I am employed as a research scientist and Technology Manager in its Lubricants division. In this capacity, I am involved in the development of new products such as lubricants and hydraulic fluids.
4. I am an author of publications, in the lubricants and hydraulic fluids area, some of the publications are as follows:

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